

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on February 19, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 527, 2/16/2015; HB 557, 2/16/2015

Executive Action: HB 439, HB 453, HB 478, HB 527, HB 557, HB 378

**EXHIBIT(agh38a01)**

00:00:05 Chairman Redfield  
00:01:27 Rep. Olszewski entered

**HEARING ON HB 527****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:50 Rep. George Kipp (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 527, Revise laws related to bison and Indian reservations.  
00:05:02 Rep. Monforton entered  
00:07:28 Rep. Berglee entered  
00:09:34 Rep. Pease-Lopez entered

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:37 Nikos Pastos, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

00:21:29 Christian Mackay, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:55 Rep. McKamey  
00:22:32 Rep. Kipp  
00:22:48 Rep. McKamey  
00:22:53 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
00:23:12 Rep. McKamey  
00:23:48 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
00:24:00 Rep. McKamey  
00:24:11 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
00:24:23 Rep. Clark  
00:24:36 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
00:25:53 Rep. Clark  
00:26:06 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
00:27:01 Rep. Clark  
00:27:17 Rep. Kipp  
00:28:30 Rep. Clark  
00:28:55 Rep. Kipp  
00:30:06 Rep. Clark  
00:30:20 Rep. Kipp  
00:30:35 Rep. Olsen  
00:31:23 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
00:31:37 Rep. Olsen  
00:31:49 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
00:32:07 Rep. Olsen  
00:32:23 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
00:32:36 Rep. Webber  
00:33:02 Rep. Kipp

00:36:57 Rep. Webber  
 00:37:39 Rep. Kipp  
 00:37:57 Rep. Williams  
 00:38:39 Rep. Kipp  
 00:39:09 Rep. Williams  
 00:39:13 Rep. Kipp  
 00:40:05 Rep. Mortensen  
 00:40:39 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
 00:42:22 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
 00:42:49 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
 00:43:55 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
 00:44:28 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
 00:44:54 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
 00:45:39 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
 00:46:36 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
 00:46:55 Chairman Redfield  
 00:47:04 Rep. Hertz  
 00:47:30 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 00:47:41 Rep. Lang  
 00:47:59 Joe Kolman, LSD  
 00:48:12 Rep. Lang  
 00:48:41 Rep. Kipp  
 00:51:00 Rep. Olsen  
 00:52:04 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
 00:53:09 Chairman Redfield  
 00:53:26 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
 00:53:36 Chairman Redfield  
 00:53:45 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
 00:54:02 Chairman Redfield  
 00:54:16 Christian Mackay, MDOL

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:28 Rep. Kipp

**HEARING ON HB 557**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:07 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 557, Revise laws regarding legal fences.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:20 Ed Butcher, Self  
 01:07:58 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation and Montana Stock Growers Association (MFBF) (MSGa)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:09:32 Alan Charles, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**[EXHIBIT\(agh38a02\)](#)**

01:13:08 Kurt Alt, Self  
01:14:16 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
01:14:51 Richard Grady, Self  
01:17:14 John Borgreen, Self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:44 Rep. Manzella  
01:19:27 Rep. Harris  
01:20:01 Rep. Manzella  
01:20:24 Rep. Harris  
01:20:31 Rep. Manzella  
01:20:36 Rep. Harris  
01:20:42 Rep. Curdy  
01:21:13 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:21:38 Rep. Curdy  
01:22:05 Rep. Harris  
01:22:26 Rep. Curdy  
01:23:26 Joe Kolman, LSD  
01:23:53 Rep. Williams  
01:25:04 Ed Butcher, Self  
01:27:51 Rep. Williams  
01:28:22 Joe Kolman, LSD  
01:30:06 Rep. Williams  
01:30:35 Alan Charles, FWP  
01:31:39 Rep. Staffanson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:32:02 Rep. Harris  
Rep. Monforton and Rep. Berglee left the hearing  
  
01:36:45 Rep. Staffanson  
  
01:37:07 Recess  
  
01:59:33 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 439**

01:59:59     **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 439 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:00:07     Chairman Redfield

02:00:26     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 453**

02:00:37     **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 453 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:00:51     Rep. McKamey

02:02:58     Rep. Karjala and Rep. Monforton entered

02:04:16     **Vote:** Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Lang, Rep. Monforton, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olszewski, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Staffanson voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 478**

02:05:32     **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 478 DO PASS.**

02:05:38     Rep. Williams

[\*\*EXHIBIT\*\*](#)(agh38a03)

02:07:39     **Motion:** Rep. Williams moved that **HB 478 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:07:49     Rep. Hertz

02:08:07     Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:08:20     Rep. Hertz

02:08:31     Joe Kolman, LSD

02:08:38     Rep. Olszewski

02:08:57     Joe Kolman, LSD

02:09:47     Rep. Olszewski

02:09:59     Joe Kolman, LSD

02:10:18     Rep. Pease-Lopez

02:10:40     Rep. Williams

02:11:18     Rep. Lang

02:11:38     Rep. Hertz

02:12:09     Rep. Webber

02:13:15 Rep. Olszewski  
02:14:00 Rep. Williams

02:14:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:14:29 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 478 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:14:38 Rep. Clark

02:14:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Mortensen voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 527**

02:15:14 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 527 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:15:27 Rep. Clark  
02:15:47 Rep. MacDonald  
02:17:00 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
02:18:20 Chairman Redfield  
02:19:08 Rep. Webber

02:21:48 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon made a substitute motion that **HB 527 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Karjala, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Olszewski, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Webber and Rep. Williams voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 557**

02:23:15 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 557 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:23:46 Rep. Harris  
02:24:52 Rep. Lang  
02:24:57 Chairman Redfield

02:25:12 **Motion:** Rep. Lang moved that **HB 557 BE AMENDED.**  
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**Discussion:**

02:25:20 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
02:25:37 Rep. Olszewski  
02:25:59 Rep. Lang

02:26:47 Chairman Redfield

02:27:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:27:09 **Motion:** Rep. Hertz moved that **HB 557 BE AMENDED.**  
To Reinsert stricken lines on page 1, lines 17 and 18.

**Discussion:**

02:27:30 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:28:09 Rep. Hertz

02:28:19 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:28:55 Chairman Redfield

02:29:10 Rep. Lang

02:29:23 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:29:59 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:30:07 Without objection, Rep. Hertz withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

02:30:30 Rep. Salomon

02:30:40 Rep. Olsen

02:31:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 557 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 13-9 by voice vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Karjala, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Webber and Rep. Williams voting no.

02:32:03 Rep. Berglee

02:32:23 Rep. Curdy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 378**

02:33:06 **Motion:** Rep. Williams moved that **HB 378 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

**Discussion:**

02:33:31 Rep. Salomon

02:33:41 Rep. Hertz

02:33:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Harris, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Monforton, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Staffanson voting no.

02:35:08 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 378 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(agh38a04)

**Discussion:**

02:36:05 Rep. Olszewski

02:36:31 Rep. Williams

02:36:55     **Vote:** Motion carried 20-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voting no.

02:38:04     **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 378 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Clark, Rep. Harris, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Monforton, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Staffanson voting no.

02:39:36     Chairman Redfield

02:39:46     Rep. Karjala

02:40:03     Chairman Redfield



**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:40:02

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([agh38aad.pdf](#))